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1. The Council of the Kreis Halle notified bakers that there would be no wheat flour during July because 95% of the supplies of the mills had been used up.
2. Recently in the VEB Waggonfabrik Ammendorf only partial payments of wages and salaries were made. This was partly because of mistakes in distribution and partly because of fines levied for nonfulfillment of contract.
3. During 1954, the Farmers' Trade Associations (Baeuerliche Handelsgenossenschaften-BHG) in the Halle area showed a loss of approximately 16,000,000 DME. In Kreis Weissenfels, for example, six showed losses while only two showed profits:

	Loss	Profit
Goseck		2,500 DME
Gross-Goerschen		1,000 DME
Grosskorbetha	10,500 DME	
Lengenfeld	15,000 DME	
Luetzen	62,000 DME	
Prittwitz	31,000 DME	
Markwerben	35,500 DME	
Burgwerben	9,000 DME	

4. In the coal district in the Halle area, the daily production of mine coal (Rohkohle) during May and June 1955 was 110,000 tons, and of briquettes, 30,000 tons. The slack arrears in the district amounted to 2,000,000 cu.m., of which 315,600 cu. m. was at Ebersdorf, and 688,000 at Grosskayna.
5. The Buna Works were to produce 9,300,000 DME worth of consumers goods during 1955, according to the Economic Plan. As of mid-June 1955, Buna had produced some 4,000,000 DME worth.
6. On 27 May 1955, the first of a total of three turbines was put into operation at the railroad power plant at Muldenstein. Up to mid-June, the turbine had been in operation without incident.

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7. The towns of Benndorf, Koerbisdorf, and a part of Neumark are to be evacuated to make way for a new coal mine. A 92 m deep coal vein is said to lie under Benndorf; because of the tremendous amount of shale, it is not expected to be exploited for eight to ten years.

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